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LETTER DATED 3 NOVEMBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward to you, on behalf of the Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States and the Head of State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, General Abdulsalami Alhaji Abubakar, the text of the peace agreement signed at the end of the Twenty-first Summit of the Authority of the Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States by President João Bernardo Vieira of Guinea-Bissau and General Ansumane Mane, head of the self-proclaimed military junta, held at Abuja on 31 October and 1 November 1998.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ibrahim A. GAMBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Agreement between the Government of Guinea-Bissau and the self-proclaimed military junta

The parties to the conflict in the Guinea-Bissau, meeting in Abuja, Nigeria, on 31 October and 1 November 1998 in the context of the efforts of the Twenty-first Summit of the Authority of the Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS),

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. To reaffirm the ceasefire agreement signed in Praia on 26 August 1998;

2. To the total withdrawal from Guinea-Bissau of all foreign troops. This withdrawal shall be done simultaneously with the deployment of an ECOWAS Military Observer Group interposition force, which will take over from the withdrawn forces;

3. That the interposition force will guarantee security along the Guinea-Bissau/Senegal border, keep the warring parties apart and guarantee free access to humanitarian organizations and agencies to reach the affected civilian population. In this regard, the Oswaldo Vieira international airport and the seaport shall be opened immediately;

4. To immediately put in place a government of national unity, which will include, among other things, representatives of the self-proclaimed junta, in line with the agreement already reached by the parties;

5. That general and presidential elections shall be held not later than the end of March 1999. These elections will be observed by ECOWAS, the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries and the international community.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998.

(Signed) President, João Bernardo VIEIRA
for the Government of the Republic of
Guinea-Bissau

(Signed) General Ansumane MANE
for the self-proclaimed
military junta

WITNESSED BY:

(Signed) His Excellency, General Abdulsalami ABUBAKAR
Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
for and on behalf of the Authority of Heads of State
and Government of ECOWAS

(Signed) His Excellency, Yahya A. J. J. JAMMEH
President of the Republic of the Gambia

(Signed) Honourable Koffi PANOU
Minister of Communications of the Togolese Republic
for and on behalf of the President of the Togolese Republic
and the Chairman of ECOWAS

(Signed) H.E. Lansana KOUYATE
ECOWAS Executive Secretary

(Signed) Professor Ibrahima FALL
Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs
for and on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

(Signed) Ms. Adwoa COLEMAN
Organization of African Unity Representative
for and on behalf of the Secretary-General of the
Organization of African Unity (OAU)